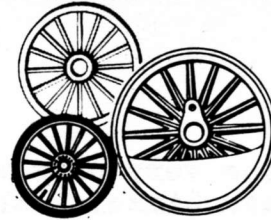


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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting of MTM membership is scheduled for 8:00 pm on Tuesday, October 15, 1968, at Minnehaha Depot. The program following the meeting will be a 16mm sound film on the Cedar Rapids & Iowa City Ry., furnished by Russ Olson. This meeting will summarize the seasons activities at Minnehaha, discuss new acquisitions, and describe some changes in the museums structure to help to achieve our goals. Please circle the date on your calender, and plan to attend.

ARRIVALS

1927 White Bus. A surprise opportunity presented itself, and the MTM took delivery of the omnibus during the State Fair. The bus is now in storage a Rosemont.

Twin City Lines 1906 outside 3rd rail steeple cab electric locomotive, American Hoist electric crane, and air operated dump car, all formerly used by Northern States Power Co. at its South-East Minneapolis generating plant, may be in our possession by the time you read this. NSP wants the equipment removed from their coal bin during the first week of October to make room for new oil storage tanks as they convert the old Twin City Lines power plant to burn oil. NSP is making arrangements with the Great Northern to move the equipment to a point where we will have access to it.

A LOOK AT THE SUMMER

by Mrs. Judy Sandberg

Now that we have completed our first season of tours at Minnehaha Depot, a word of thanks should be given to the many individuals and couples that so generously gave of their time on Sunday through the Summer. Approximately \$60.00 was recieved in donations, and about 2,000 people toured the depot. All in all, we have accomplished a great deal in this, our first, year, and next year with your continued support promises to be even better.

YOUR SUPPORT

by John Stein

All MTM members. Please recognize that your elected officials are to direct the museum according to the wishes of the general membership. Some members have expressed and shown by their actions that they are not satisfied with the progress being made by the museum. Understandably so, as the work of achieving a permanent operating site has been extrememly frustrating. Other museum supporters have shown a desire to become active members "if the museum develops into anything worthwhile." The Minnesota Transportation Museum will not develop into a worthwhile museum without the zealous support of

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the very ones who deride the museum for its inactivity. Each member should ask himself "Why do I want to participate in the Minnesota Transportation Museum?" Is this answer to preserve a piece of American heritage for our children? Or to provide a place where one can tinker around with heavy equipment? Or to establish a place where one can proudly demonstrate to others what we have done for our own interests? Whatever your ideas for the MTM may be, voice them to your elected officers, as well as to other members. No activities can progress without first letting it be known that you feel there is a need for a particular action, or that you feel that there is a better way of doing something, or that you feel the museum is failing to meet its objectives. If you do not see the Minnesota Transportation Museum forming into the idea that you have for it, then campaign for a position on the board where you will have a stronger, more direct, say in the decisions made by the museum, and can influence the direction of progress.

Finally, do not abandon the museum because it may not be what you expect. Possibly, the goals of the Minnesota Transportation Museum have been set too high, and are unattainable with the funds and personell available in this part of the country. Even if this be the case, then setting new goals and directing the museum toward them is a job that cannot be accomplished without YOU.

SHORT LINES

Board members - a reminder that the next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 1968, at Frank Sandbergs. All board members are expected to be in attendance.

The post of Vice President of Public Education, vacated by Jim Foster, is still open. This post will remain unfilled until the general election in January, 1969.

MA&CR number 100 is now stored safely inside the Great Northerns roundhouse at Minneapolis Jct. Thanks to the Great Northern for this aid in protecting this historic locomotive form vandalism.

Twin City Lines number 1300 has a renewed one year lease for its stall at the Minnesota Transfer roundhouse in St. Paul.



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